



15th December 2017

Newsletter

A very Happy Christmas and A Happy New Year!



Tuesday 19 th	 Children's Christmas Dinner – Children can wear their own clothes or anything Christmassy as it will be a dress-down day (no donations necessary- just for fun!)
Wednesday 20 th	Christmas Church Service at St Mary's, parents welcome Year R – 9.15 - 9.40am Year 1 9.45 - 10.10am Year 2 10.15 - 10.40am 
January	
Friday 19th	Literacy Workshop for parents 2pm (more details to follow via Parentmail)
Thursday 25th	Literacy Workshop for parents 2pm (more details to follow via Parentmail)
Sunday 21 st	Rapunzel Pantomime – more details were sent via Parentmail
Monday 22 nd	Downs View's got Talent auditions (more details to follow)
Friday 26 th	Birthday assembly, all parents of children with birthdays in January invited 9.05am

	 Reading award	 Active award	 Star of the week	 Feet on Friday	 Star table
	Lacey	Maryssa Roxie-Ray	Catalina	Poppy	Maryssa
	Ayiri	Maddie Alfie	Sophie	Lydia	Julia
	Lily	Rayna Rosie	Sienna	Gracie-May	Gracie-May
	Jadon	Tristan Ryan	Sara	Isabelle	Izzy
	Luke	Riley Jack	Zoe	Benjamin	Cleo
	Cody	Arthur Morgan	Henry	Jimmy	Elizabeth
	Finlay	Charlie H Autumn	Sophie	Shane	Kacey-Marie
	Ashton	Jaden Millie	Jack	Ashton	Adam
	Julia	Isla Albie	Juliet	Lewis	Max

Bonus Coin of the week winners-  Polar Bear

	Weekly school attendance	Days missed across the school this week	Best class attendance for the week	Overall attendance for the year
	95.22%	62	Owl 100% Very Well done!	96.48%



Christmas Tree Recycling

If you have a real Christmas tree this year please consider bringing it along to the school after Christmas as we can use and recycle every part in our Forest School area. We can use the branches for den building. The children can practise their skills cutting, chopping and sawing up the rest of the tree. This helps with hand-eye coordination, strength and motor skills. For more information email Seb on info@outofourtrees.org or call 03303 211252.

Adverse weather arrangements

At this time of year we like to take the opportunity to remind you of the procedures we put in place should we have any adverse winter weather.

If it has been snowing heavily we will do everything we can to make sure the school is open however we have to take in to account the number of staff able to get to school and the safety of children and adults on the school site. Mrs Kent will liaise with Mrs Wratten at Kennington Academy and make a joint decision as early as possible in the morning.

If we have heavy snow we request that all children bring in a packed lunch as we may not be able to provide a school dinner.

We may also have to delay the opening of Breakfast Club until 8.15am to enable us to make sure we have enough staff and the school site is safe.

If any of these measures are put in place we will keep parents informed by putting up to date information on:

Website: www.downs-view.kent.sch.uk

Kent Closure site: www.kentclosures.co.uk

[BBC Radio Kent](#)

[Facebook](#)

We will also contact parents via email.

PLEASE NOTE: As long as we have enough staff and the site is safe the school will be open.

Cold weather clothing

Please please please ensure your child is wrapped up with appropriate clothing for the cold weather. The children do still go outside at lunch time and play time and although are kept active do need to be wrapped up.

If anyone has any spare hats, gloves, socks etc. We would be very grateful to have them in school to use as spares.



What we've been up to.....

This week in **EYFS** we have been busy creating in our own imaginative way some special Christmas gifts with independent writing ready to bring home (sorry no more information you will have to wait till the big day)! We have been using repeating pattern too during Maths this week and managed to create patterns using either two or three different colours. See if you can spot pattern around your home especially on all that wrapping paper that is lurking about! We have also had lots of fun in performing our first ever show. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their performance and we are sure that you agree that it was amazing! Thanks to all who came, we hope you enjoyed it as much as us!

In English we have been reading and learning the Christmas story, retelling and ordering it correctly. In Maths we have been practising our number work and completed mini challenges with our friends.

We've created our own Christmas cards using ICT as well as finishing our Faberge eggs and other exciting Christmas activities!





Year 2 Wow! We were all so amazing in our Christmas concerts we are very proud of our hard work. We are also very proud of the rest of the school for their hard work and thoroughly enjoyed watching their Christmas concerts! We have read the story 'The Night Before Christmas'. We rehearsed it using the rhyming couplets to help us remember it. We wrote a character description about Father Christmas using the story. In Maths we have learnt about multiplication as arrays and have a good understanding that multiplication can be done in any order and the total will be the same. We have started some of our Christmas crafts and are really looking forward to Christmas.

Finally....

Mrs Kent and all staff have been so proud of every child this term, embracing new exciting challenges and trying their best! The performances this week really highlighted how hard they work and demonstrated how much they have grown in confidence and independence.

May we take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you enjoy special family time together and look forward to seeing you on Thursday 4th January.

